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In a seesaw battle, by a vote of 2,864,000 to 2,723,000, the voters of California signed the \$1.75 billion blank check in Proposition No. 1 for the landed monopolists who have contributed so heavily to the campaign for passage of the "special interest plum."

The narrow 142,000 margin was finally achieved with late returns of precincts from southern California which overcame a heavy northern negative vote.

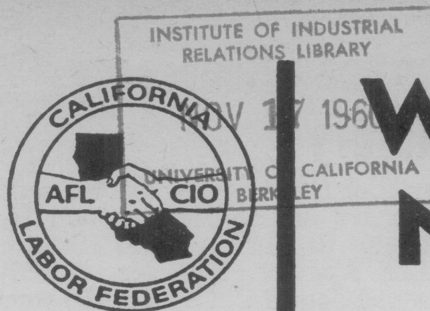
Southern Californians were treated to a heavy barrage of "panic button" propaganda by proponents to put the measure over.

The "YES" vote was obtained in the face of reports of financial and engineering consultants hired by the state, demonstrating that the \$1.75 billion bond issue is some \$717 million short of funds to build the features necessary to deliver on the water promises.

These reports also had revealed major financial pitfalls and vast hidden taxpayer subsidies to giant landholders and speculators in the service areas of the program.

Based on findings in the experts' reports, the California Labor Federation warned voters that three big landholders in the San Joaquin Valley alone who were heavy contributors to the Proposition No. 1 campaign.

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Industrial Areas Give Kennedy Necessary Margin for Victory

"Organized labor has every right to be proud of its part in the election of John F. Kennedy to the Presidency of the United States," state AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts declared in a post-election statement following last Tuesday's narrow victory for the AFL-CIO backed President-elect.

The Kennedy victory was wrested from a popular-vote margin of less than 300,000 to give him 300 electoral votes (as of this writing) against the defeated Republican candidate's 188.

California's less than 35,000 plurality for Kennedy must still survive an absentee vote count, estimated at more than 230,000 by the Secretary of State.

"Political analysts have their work cut out for them for some time to come in analyzing this one," Pitts said, adding:

"But there's no disputing the fact

that the Kennedy victory has its base in the industrial states and depressed areas of increasing hard core unemployment where the President-elect pressed his campaign to get America moving forward again.

"The workingman-minority group vote came in strongly in the key areas and states to offset the combination of a large religious bigotry vote and the efforts of the high-pressure Republican campaign to sell Nixon to the voters in the image of Eisenhower."

Religious bigotry is recognized as having seriously hurt Kennedy in many states, including California.

"In the face of the religious issue and the many other obstacles which the President-elect faced," Pitts said, "the Kennedy win is a real victory for the American people. It is a source of real gratification to know that the organized labor-minority group vote played an important role in submerging bigotry in one of its most devastating forms."

REGISTRATION DRIVE PAY-OFF

In California, Pitts noted that the 35,000-vote margin which Kennedy now holds could not have been possible without the coordinated registration efforts of organized labor and minority groups in the state.

"The coordinated registration drive of the California Labor COPE, local labor organizations, the Community Service Organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Community Improvement Association of Los Angeles produced

Federation Calls Statewide Labor Education Conference On Economic Growth

A statewide educational conference on "American Labor and Economic Growth" has been set for December 5-8, at the Hilton Inn near International Airport, San Francisco, it was announced last Tuesday by Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

The timely four-day conference on the nation's Number One domestic problem will be followed on December 9 and 10 by the Federation's Eleventh Annual Labor Press Conference, also to be held at the Hilton Inn.

Announcements of the two conferences, together with advance registration forms, have been sent out by Pitts to all affiliated AFL-CIO organizations in the state.

The importance of this conference on economic growth for labor union leaders, Pitts said, "cannot be overemphasized."

It is being held purposely in this interim period between the election

and the new President and Congress taking office.

America's lagging rate of economic growth, coupled with ever-rising levels of hard core unemployment and the threat of another severe recession, has been brought home to the people in the Presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy.

"This conference," Pitts said, "is being called to gain a better understanding of economic growth problems, not only as they relate to full employment, but also to achieving

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over 180,000 new registrations between the primary and general elections in key areas of the state," Pitts said.

"Early examination of the returns from these areas," he added, "indicate almost conclusively that these new registrations went overwhelmingly for Kennedy to give him the margin of victory he appears to have won in California."

Democratic Congress, But . . .

Despite the loss of several seats, voters returned a Democratic House of Representatives and Senate in Congress with a substantial majority to end the divided rule that existed with Eisenhower.

Democrats retained their control of the House at latest count by 259 to 178 with several contests still undecided, and by 64-36 in the Senate. This represents a numerical loss for the Democrats of at least 24 in the House and two in the Senate.

Although the ruthless and devastating use by Eisenhower of the veto over progressive legislation has been removed with the election of Kennedy, the possibility now emerges of an even stronger coalition of Republicans and Dixiecrats in Congress to plague liberal legislative programs advocated by the President-elect.

The Democratic losses in Congress are generally from the liberal wing of the party rather than the South where reaction and bigotry find their common ground.

It is anticipated that the national AFL-CIO will soon call a legislative conference in Washington to cope with this and other legislative problems that stand in the way of enacting any substantial part of a positive program for America.

California Congressional Delegation

In California's thirty Congressional districts, 15 labor-endorsed candidates won election. California Labor COPE made endorsements in 26 districts.

The results are without any change in the number of labor-endorsed Congressmen. Liberal George A. Kasem, COPE-endorsed incumbent Democrat in the 25th

District of Los Angeles, lost his seat in Nixon's old district to John H. Rousselot (R). In the 22nd District of Los Angeles, however, COPE-endorsed James C. Corman (D) won election to the seat vacated by Republican Joe Holt.

In hard-fought races, incumbents Clem Miller (D. 1st District), Jeffery Cohelan (D. 7th District), and D. S. Saund (D. 29th District) won another term with labor's endorsement.

The breakdown in the California delegation remains 16 Democrats and 14 Republicans. The following are California's thirty Congressmen (* designates COPE endorsement):

U.S. CONGRESS		
Dist.	Name	Party
1	*Clem Miller	D
2	*Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson	D
3	*John E. Moss, Jr.	D
4	William Mailliard	R
5	*John F. Shelley	D
6	John F. Baldwin	R
7	*Jeffery Cohelan	D
8	*George P. Miller	D
9	J. Arthur Younger	R
10	Charles S. Gubser	R
11	*John J. McFall	D
12	*B. F. Sisk	D
13	Charles M. Teague	R
14	*Harlan Hagen	D
15	Gordon McDonough	R
16	Alphonzo Bell, Jr.	R
17	*Cecil R. King	D
18	Craig Hosmer	R
19	*Chet Holifield	D
20	H. Allen Smith	R
21	Edgar W. Hiestand	R
22	*James C. Corman	D
23	Clyde Doyle	D
24	Glenard P. Lipscomb	R
25	John H. Rousselot	R
26	*James Roosevelt	D
27	*Harry R. Sheppard	D
28	James B. Utt	R
29	*D. S. (Judge) Saund	D
30	Bob Wilson	R

State Senate Gain

The election of two labor-endorsed Democratic candidates to the State Senate boosted the Democratic control of the upper house of the state legislature from 28-12 to 30-10.

John C. Begovich (D) in the 9th District (Sutter and Yuba counties) defeated Republican incumbent Swift Berry, and former Assemblyman Samuel R. Geddes (D), won the seat left vacant by the death of

TV Documentary on Farm Labor

Harvest of Shame

An hour-long Ed Murrow TV documentary on the plight of farm workers will be carried on the CBS network, Friday, November 25.

Titled the "Harvest of Shame," it appropriately follows the nation's Thursday celebration of Thanksgiving as a reminder to America that a major segment of our work force has little to celebrate in their "harvest."

KPIX-TV in San Francisco and KNXT-TV in Los Angeles will show the Murrow Documentary at 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. in California.

Other CBS network stations in the state should be checked for the showing. They include:

KABK-TV—Bakersfield
KHSL-TV—Chico
KIEM-TV—Eureka
KFRE-TV—Fresno
KXTV—Sacramento
KSBW-TV—Salinas-Monterey
KFMB-TV—San Diego
KNTV—San Jose
KSBY-TV—San Luis Obispo
KEYT-TV—Santa Barbara
KQVR-TV—Stockton

Maximum local publicity is urged to obtain a large viewing audience for this important documentary.

Nathan F. Coombs in the 11th District (Yolo and Napa counties).

In the 37th District (Riverside), COPE-endorsed Clifford V. Dean (D) lost out to former Assemblyman L. M. Backstrand (R) for the vacated seat formerly held by Nelson S. Dilworth (R). Fred S. Farr (D) in Monterey County beat off his challenger in a hotly-contested battle, while COPE-endorsed Aaron W. Quick (D) scored an upset to defeat his Republican challenger in the seat formerly held by William Beard (D).

In the twenty State Senatorial Districts up this election, COPE made 16 endorsements—12 COPE candidates won election.

The following are the twenty elected State Senators (* designates labor endorsement):

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paign were in line for taxpayer gifts of close to a quarter of a billion dollars (Tejon Ranch, Southern Pacific Railroad, Kern County Land Company).

Ironically, the bond money approved by the voters is only enough to assure construction of those features of the water program and the aqueduct that will bring water to the concentration of big landholdings in the Valley.

Commenting on the measure's passage, state AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts, said the "California Labor Federation did everything possible within the limits of its financial resources to defeat the measure, strictly on the basis of the issues presented."

"Proposition No. 1 has been pushed through," Pitts said, "but the issues are still with us, and they will loom larger and larger as the ramifications of this gigantic giveaway scheme begin to unfold before the people."

"The voters have bought some promises in a program which really gives assurances on delivery only to the powerful interests that have contributed so heavily to the campaign for the Proposition," he added.

For the past ten years California labor has been fighting the basic scheme approved in Proposition No. 1, pointing out that the state was being used primarily by special interests to void taxpayers' protections against monopoly and speculation under planned federal development of valley water supplies.

At the 1959 session, following the approval of Proposition No. 1 by the legislature for submission to the voters, the Federation warned that "Politically, the enrichment may become the 'Achilles Heel' of the Brown Administration."

Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 21, June 19, 1959, noted:

"If the Governor fails to propose, or is unsuccessful in securing anti-enrichment protections, he may go down in history as the Democratic governor who put California in the water and power business for the enrichment of landed monopolists rather than the people of the state of California."

With Proposition No. 1 approved by the voters, it remains to be seen what can be done at this point, now

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STATE SENATE

Dist.	Name	Party
1	*Stanley Arnold	D
3	*Carl L. Christensen, Jr.	D
5	*Edwin J. Regan	D
7	*Ronald G. "Ron" Cameron	D
9	*John C. Begovich	D
11	*Samuel R. Geddes	D
13	John F. McCarthy	R
15	Luther E. Gibson	D
17	*George Miller, Jr.	D
19	*Albert S. Rodda	D
21	Richard J. Dolwig	R
23	Donald L. Grunsky	R
25	*Fred S. Farr	D
27	*Robert D. Williams	D
29	Vernon L. Sturgeon	R
31	John J. Hollister	D
33	*James J. McBride	D
35	John Murdy, Jr.	R
37	L. M. Backstrand	R
39	*Aaron W. Quick	D

Demos Hold Assembly

Despite several changes in the State Assembly, Democrats held on to their 47-33 majority control with the important task of reapportioning the State's Assembly and Congressional Districts on deck when the 1961 session convenes in January.

In the 80 Assembly districts, California Labor COPE made 70 endorsements; 49 endorsed candidates won election. The number of COPE-endorsed Assemblymen remains essentially the same as at the previous session.

The COPE-endorsed candidate in the 12th District (San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties), Guard C. Darrah (D) lost to Republican Robert T. Monagan for the seat vacated by William Biddick (D). This was offset, however, by the election of COPE-endorsed James R. Mills (D)

that the leverage of the project itself has been lost.

Governor Brown has said repeatedly that he will work to prevent the unjust enrichment of monopoly interest and has promised action after passage of the bond issue.

The California Labor Federation, by its convention action in Sacramento, is committed to continue its historic fight in the mainstream of support for sound water development for the people.

in the 79th District in San Diego, vacated by George G. Crawford (R).

Labor-endorsed Charles B. Garigus (D-Fresno), Myron H. Frew (D-Tulare and Kings), and John C. Williamson (D-Kern) fought off their challengers in hotly contested Valley races where they were attacked because of their fairness on farm labor issues at the 1959 legislative session.

These Valley victories were all the more notable because the three incumbents ran ahead of Kennedy in each of their respective districts. Kennedy appears to have lost at least two of the districts involved to Nixon.

In the Los Angeles area, COPE-endorsed Ronald Brooks Cameron (D) fought off a strong challenger, while Rules Committee Chairman Richard T. Hanna (D) overcame an adverse popular vote in the primary to retain his seat in Orange County.

Endorsed candidate Charles Manfred (D) in the 57th District of Los Angeles is running only 200 votes behind in a close race with incumbent Republican Charles J. Conrad. The race is still undecided.

California's 80 Assemblymen are (*designates COPE endorsement):

STATE ASSEMBLY

Dist.	Name	Party
1	Frank P. Belotti	R
2	*Pauline L. Davis	D
3	*Lloyd W. Lowrey	D
4	Harold T. Sedgwick	R
5	*Robert L. Leggett	D
6	*Paul J. Lunardi	D
7	William T. Bagley	R
8	*W. A. Jimmie Hicks	D
9	*Edwin L. Z'berg	D
10	*Jerome R. Waldie	D
11	*John T. Knox	D
12	Robert T. Monagan	R
13	*Carlos Bee	D
14	*Robert W. Crown	D
15	*Nicholas C. Petris	D
16	Walter I. Dahl	R
17	*William Byron Rumford	D
18	Don Mulford	R
19	*Charles W. Meyers	D
20	*Phillip Burton	D
21	Milton Marks	R
22	John Busterud	R
23	*John A. O'Connell	D
24	*Edward M. Gaffney	D
25	Louis Francis	R
26	Carl Britschgi	R
27	*Glenn E. Coolidge	R

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28 Clark L. Bradley
29 *Bruce F. Allen
30 *Ralph M. Brown
31 *Gordon H. Winton, Jr.
32 *Bert DeLotto
33 *Charles B. Garrigus
34 *Alan G. Pattee
35 *Myron H. Frew
36 J. L. Holmes
37 *Rex M. Cunningham
38 *Jack T. Casey
39 *John C. Williamson
40 *Edward E. Elliott
41 *Tom Carrell
42 *Tom Bane
43 Howard J. Thelin
44 *Joseph M. Kennick
45 *George E. Brown, Jr.
46 C. E. Chapel
47 Bruce V. Reagan
48 Frank Lanterman
49 Houston I. Flournoy
50 *Ronald Brooks Cameron
51 *William A. Munnell
52 *George A. Willson
53 Montivel A. Burke
54 John L. E. Collier
55 *Vernon Kilpatrick
56 Chet Wolfrum
57 Charles Conrad
58 Joseph Shell
59 *Thomas M. Rees
60 Harold Levering
61 *Lester A. McMillan
62 *Augustus F. Hawkins
63 *Don A. Allen, Sr.
64 Lou Cusanovich
65 *Jesse M. Unruh
66 *Charles H. Wilson
67 *Clayton A. Dills
68 *Vincent Thomas
69 *Carley V. Porter
70 W. S. Grant
71 Gordon Cologne
72 *Eugene G. Nisbet
73 Jack A. Beaver
74 B. Sumner
75 *Richard T. Hanna
76 *Leverette D. House
77 Sheridan Hegland
78 Frank Luckel
79 *James R. Mills
80 Jack Schrade

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the social and economic goals of America and the labor movement."

Top-flight economists and other experts from inside and outside of the labor movement are being secured to lead the educational sessions. Visual aids will also be employed to help grasp the significance of economic information being assembled for the four-day session.

The conference format will embrace general sessions for major topic areas, followed by smaller discussion groups on the topic areas covered.

In outlining the scope of the conference, Pitts said the first day will be given to an overview of the "main issues in economic growth" at a morning session, followed by an afternoon session designed to relate social and economic goals to these main issues under the general topic of "Prescription for Growth."

The remaining three days will be devoted to an intensive study of major aspects of the growth problem, including the following: the respective roles of public and private investments; economic growth and economic security; economic growth and collective bargaining; economic growth and consumer protections; and the pattern of private investment, the increasing importance of institutional investors such as health and welfare and pension funds, and the use of trade union investment funds in accordance with labor's social and economic objectives.

Further details on the conference program, including the names of outstanding economists and experts who will participate in the four-day meet, will be made available in the near future, Pitts said.

LABOR PRESS CONFERENCE

The two-day Labor Press Confer-

ence following the four-day session on economic growth will bring together labor press editors from various parts of the state.

Topics to be covered: an analysis of the general election results; a review of the respective roles of the daily and labor press in the election; and the problems of relating labor's purpose and goals to the younger generation.

California's Congressman John E. Moss (D. 3rd District) will be featured speaker at a dinner session, December 9, on the subject "Freedom of the Press". Moss has been leading a Congressional investigation in the field and is an outspoken critic of government secrecy.

In announcing both the economic growth and labor press conferences this week, Pitts advised unions that separate registrations would be required. His communication sent out to affiliates last Tuesday enclosed advance registration forms to be returned to the San Francisco office of the California Labor Federation.

Arrangements have also been made with the Hilton Inn for advance room reservation. Hotel reservation forms sent out to the affiliates are to be returned directly to the Hilton Inn, Pitts advised.

The state AFL-CIO leader urged labor organizations in the state to make every effort possible to send delegates to these important conferences.

Pitts noted, regarding the Labor Press Conference, that it is being held not only for labor editors, but also for local unions and members responsible for local union and council publications.

California Labor Federation sponsorship of the conference is in cooperation with the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California at Berkeley and Los Angeles.